30. Mr. L. M. Pylee *(Latin Christians-Ernakulam):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether dearness allowance for Government servants was enhanced as promised at the last Budget Session;

(*b*) if not, why not?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Comptroller of Finance and Accounts:)* (*a*) No definite promise was made by the Government. The Diwan President undertook that the matter would receive the earnest attention of the Government and that the rates of dearness allowance would be reviewed from time to time.

(*b*) Government are constantly examining the question whether the rate of dearness allowance should be enhanced further.

Mr. L. M. Pylee *(Latin-Christians Ernakulam):* Sir, in view of the information supplied in reply to the previous questions I do not want to put this question.

MEDICAL OFFICER—TRAINING IN THE MADRAS MENTAL HOSPITAL

31. Mr. M. Krishna Menon *(Trichur-North):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether Government intend to depute any Medical Officer for training in the Madras Mental Hospital;

(*b*) whether applications have been called for;

(*c*) the terms upon which the training is to be given;

(*d*) whether seniority of service will not be reckoned in the selection of the candidate?

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):*

(*a*) Casualty Officer Mr. T. K. Krishnaswamy has been deputed for training in Madras Mental Hospital.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) He should undergo this training at his own expense, but the fees will be paid by the Government. The training is for a period of six months. On completion of this training he will be appointed as officiating Assistant Surgeon in the Mental Hospital on the grade of Rs. 125-5-200 with an allowance of Rs. 50 in lieu of private practice.

(*d*) Yes.

Mr. M. Krishna Menon *(Trichur-North):* May I know whether the Government had any objection to call for application in regard to this training.

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* The Government had no objection but they did not think it necessary to do so.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* May I know Sir, what will be the starting pay which the officer will be getting when he is appointed.

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* Rs. 125 plus 50.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* For purpose of seniority will this allowance of Rs. 50 be taken into consideration?

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* No.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* Is he not at present drawing Rs. 150 as A. R. P. casualty Officer?

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* He was drawing this amount.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* Will he not be entitled to draw Rs. 200 as soon as he returns after training.

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* No.

Mr. K. S. Panicker *(Ezhuvas-Mukundapuram):* Who is the Casualty Officer in his place?

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* Dr. J. Ramakrishna Ayyar.

GENERAL HOSPITAL—ADMISSION OF VISITORS

32. Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the reason why visitors are not allowed to the Ernakulam General Hospital, at least for one hour daily;

(*b*) is it not the practice at the Trichur Civil Hospital to allow visitors in the evening from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m.?

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):*

(*a*) Visitors are allowed daily to the General Hospital between 5 p.m. and 6 p.m.

(*b*) Yes.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* Is it compulsory that a visitor should produce a pass for gaining entry?

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